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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Village Office and Library will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving, Wednesday and Thursday, December 24 and 25, for Christmas, and January 1, for New Year's Day.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our customers and wish you a happy holiday season and all the best in 2015!



Around town...

- ◆ December 13 is the last burning day of the year. Burning of landscape waste will resume in the Spring (March 1). **Please do not blow leaves into the street and burn them!**
- ◆ Please be sure to move vehicles parked alongside the street during snow removal time. This will help Village staff get the streets cleaned as quickly as possible. For their safety, children should not be allowed to play in snow drifts along the road — they will be difficult to spot and could be hurt by snow removal equipment.
- ◆ If you have a business in Williamsville or the surrounding area, please contact us for free advertising on our new website! We can put your business logo and contact information under our business section. Thanks!
- ◆ 6th, 7th and 8th grade Junior High students are now invited to the Junior High Dances which are sponsored by the Williamsville Community Foundation the 2nd Saturday of each month during the school year.
- ◆ Just a reminder: Parks and Recreation Area ordinance specifies that no person in a park shall drive any vehicle or bicycle on any area except the roads constructed for their use. The Lake trail is for bicycle and pedestrian use. Please assist us in maintaining this valuable recreational resource.

Electronics Disposal & Recycling

If you think the Holidays will bring new electronics into your home, now is the time to think about how to get rid of the old items. BLH accepts computer equipment. Best Buy accepts old TVs up to 32," most flat screens, as well as household batteries and a variety of small, non-appliance electronics. Lowes accepts household CFL's and rechargeable batteries. Battery specialty stores also accept most types of batteries for recycling.

Pick up your Annual Ornament Raffle tickets at the Village Hall for Christmas ornaments made by the Sangamon Valley Woodcarvers. Three winners will receive 50 ornaments each. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Drawing is December 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Tentative Trick or Treat Hours

Friday, October 31

5:00—8:00 p.m.

(Depending on football playoffs, the alternate date may be Thursday, October 30)

For the safety of the children, please follow these steps: Wear light colors, only go to houses with porch lights on, watch traffic, and check all candy before eating.

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History of the Village of Williamsville books are now available at the Village Office for \$3.00 each. Pick yours up today!

Building Permits

Please note that any outdoor construction will require completion of a Building Permit. Any building activity that changes the footprint of your property will need a permit. Building permit forms are available on our new website or at the Village Hall. Please fill out the form as completely as possible, especially the contractor information. **Thanks!**



Please Support Our Post Office!

Please buy your stamps and mail your holiday packages and cards in our hometown Post Office!
Every little bit of business will help!

Thanksgiving Dinner

The Williamsville Christian Church will be serving dinner on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, from 2:00—5:00 p.m. for those in the community who do not have plans and for truck drivers passing through. Rides will be provided upon request and, if you are unable to get out, dinner deliveries will be made.

Please call the Williamsville Christian Church Office at 566-3381 to let us know if you need a ride or want dinner delivered. Office hours are Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please leave your name and phone number as a message on the answering machine if no one is available to answer when you call.

Happy Thanksgiving!



Please Don't Feed the Animals!

The seasons are changing and cold weather will soon be upon us. During the winter months we experience an increase in the number of feral cats reported to be at large in the Village. Please do not feed these cats or leave food for them outdoors. Doing so provides a readily available food source for opossums, skunks, raccoons, and other nuisance animals. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Don't forget that
Video**

**Gaming is now
available at**

Love's Truck Stop!



More Info on Disposal and Recycling....

- Please do not flush outdated or unwanted medication. Contact your pharmacy or wait for a special collection event.
- The Williamsville Public Library is still accepting eyeglasses, household batteries, and ink cartridges for recycling.
- The Village has a corrugated cardboard recycling dumpster behind the Police Station. Please collapse all boxes to make room for everyone's recyclables. After the holidays, the amount of cardboard increases, so please be patient rather than dumping extra cardboard next to the dumpster.
- The Village also has a glass recycling bin behind the Police Station.
- Most waste haulers will accept cardboard and plastic recyclables. Please contact your waste hauler with any questions about their specific requirements.
- Recycling bins are available at the Village Hall — one per household.

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Williamsville Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Brian Mendenhall

Assistant Chief: Scott Gaddy

The WVFD is staffed by dedicated men and women of the community who respond 24/7, 365 days a year to fire, medical and other emergencies. Meetings are held every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a member of our team, call us at 566-3311 or visit us at one of our meetings.

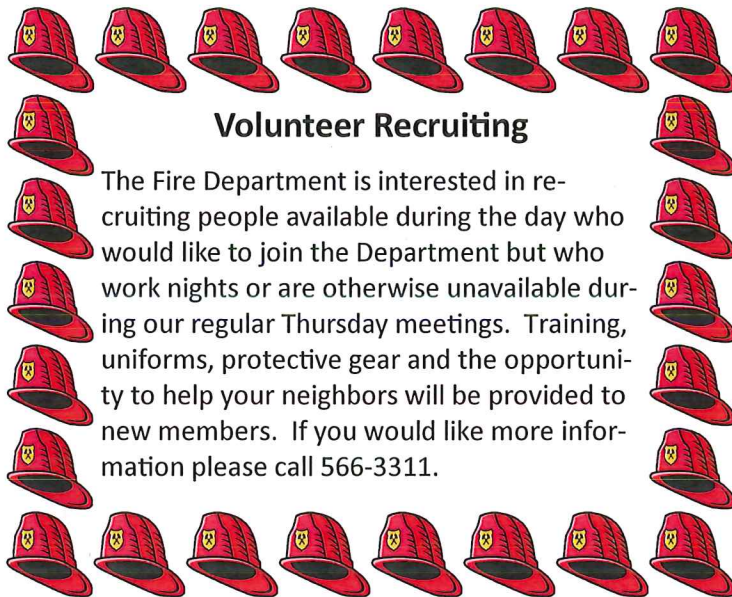
Chief's Note

With the Fall time change coming on November 2, it is also time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.



Emergency Calls

The Williamsville Police Department would like to remind everyone that if you need emergency assistance, dial 911. If you need to report a crime or have a police officer meet with you, dial 1-217-753-6666 (Sangamon County Dispatch). If you have a non-emergency concern and you would like to talk with the Chief of Police or another Williamsville officer, you can call the Williamsville Police Department at 566-3634 and leave a message.



Volunteer Recruiting

The Fire Department is interested in recruiting people available during the day who would like to join the Department but who work nights or are otherwise unavailable during our regular Thursday meetings. Training, uniforms, protective gear and the opportunity to help your neighbors will be provided to new members. If you would like more information please call 566-3311.

Safety Tip: Smoke Alarm Safety Tips

- ◆ Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- ◆ Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- ◆ It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds they all sound.
- ◆ Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- ◆ There are two kinds of alarms. Ionization smoke alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. It is best to use both types of alarms in the home.
- ◆ A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet from the stove.
- ◆ People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- ◆ Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

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Williamsville Public Library and Museum

Did you know?

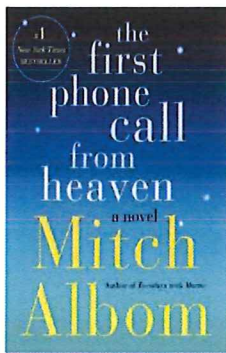
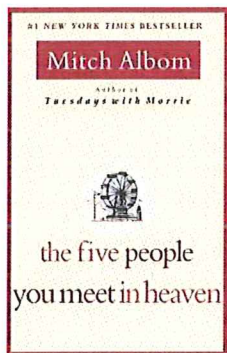
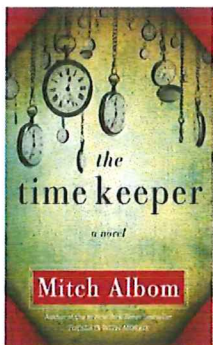
The Library will accept your used books, DVDs, and CDs. When you're rounding up things to donate, please consider donating to your local library. They will itemize your donation and provide you with a list of your annual donations for tax time.

Museum and Boxcar Open House

Come and say goodbye to the Museum and Boxcars on Saturday, December 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will hold an open house before closing in preparation for the move to the new combined facility. We expect to re-open around April 2016 when the new Library and Museum is completed. Donors or their heirs will be contacted after the inventory has been completed to review family donations and determine if they wish to continue displaying items in the new building.

Book Club

Join us on Thursday, November 20, at the library at 7:00 p.m. to discuss any book written by Mitch Albom. You can choose to read "Tuesday with Morrie," "Five People You Meet in Heaven," "Have a Little Faith," "For One More Day," "The Time Keeper" or "The First Phone Call from Heaven." It should be a lively discussion with a light snack and a little laughter too.



Williamsville Library and Museum Progress

Come by the Library to see the earth tone color scheme the Transition Team is recommending for the exterior of the new Library and Museum. Thanks go to Margaret Stroisch who has represented the color options.

The Library and Museum would also like to thank Ross Taft who has been volunteering at the museum since June while completing an internship at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library.

In September, Library Board members and museum volunteers hosted a museum consultant. The consultant's visit was paid for by a grant written by the Library Director, Jean Forness. The consultant was impressed with the museum's collection and her report will help the Library and Museum qualify for a grant toward museum supplies. The consultant also explained that everything in the museum needs to be inventoried, entered into a database, cleaned, and stored before the move. The museum will continue to be open on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. -12 Noon and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. through December. The museum will host a special Open House event on Saturday, December 6, as a part of the "Santa Comes to Town" events. It will then be closed starting in January until it reopens in its new home at the Williamsville Public Library and Museum. If you would like to know more about planning for the new Williamsville Library and Museum, please attend the next meeting of the Transition Team on Tuesday, October 28, at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.



Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

Saturday, December 6

10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

**Williamsville Community
Center**

141 West Main Street

**Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
Before Santa**

7:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

**“Free will donation” will go to
those less fortunate in the
Village of Williamsville**

**Museum & Boxcar
Open House**

**Saturday, December 6
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

**Come join us at the Museum
for the last time in the boxcars.**

**Cookies & Punch will be
served and Santa will be
sitting for pictures!**

Santa is sponsored by the Williamsville Community Foundation.

Saturday, October 25, 2014

Join us at the Williamsville Park for

Event Schedule

4:30 p.m.

Costume Contest Registration
free

5:00 p.m.

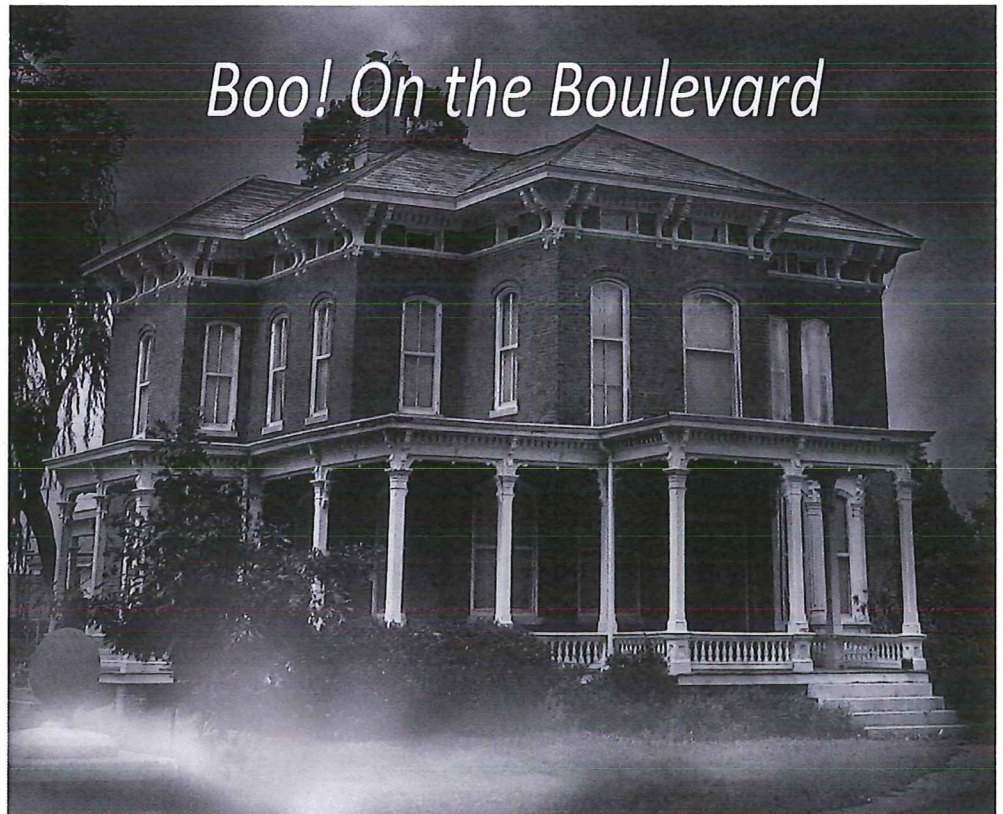
Costume Contest Begins
free

6:00 p.m.

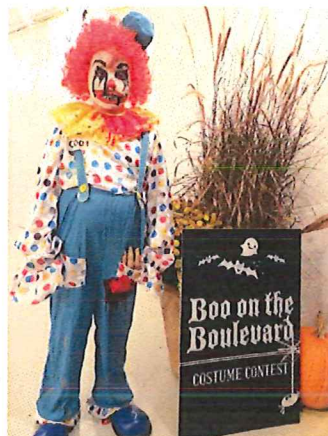
Haunted Home Tour
Opens
\$5 admission includes Trolley Ride

8:30 p.m.

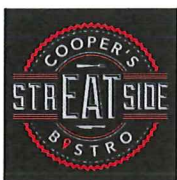
Haunted Home Tour
Closed



Boo! On the Boulevard



Costume Contest Haunted Home Tour Trolley Ride Bounce Houses Food



Costume Contest: *FREE* for children ages 0-12. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes by age group.

Haunted Home Tour: *\$5.00* admission to Haunted Home Tour includes round-trip trolley transportation from park to Main Street mansion. Children ages 0-3 *FREE*.

Additional Information: Free S'more Station sponsored by Williamsville Village President Tom Yokley. Free bounce houses open to children under 12 years of age. Fresh food and drinks available for purchase from Cooper's StrEATside Bistro food truck.

Sponsored by Williamsville Garden Club and Williamsville Community Foundation. Proceeds benefit Village of Williamsville beautification efforts.

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Williamsville Community Calendar

November

- November 2 Fall Back: Remember to set clocks back 1 hour
- November 3 Foundation Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- November 4 Election Day — Please vote!
- November 4 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library
- November 4 Senior Lunch at WUMC—12 Noon
- November 4 Library Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- November 5 Woodcarvers in Community Center
6:30—9:30 p.m.
- November 8 Jr. High Dance—7:00—10:00 p.m. at
Community Center
- November 10 Village Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- November 11 Veterans Day — Village Office & Library Closed
- November 11 BINGO 7:00 p.m. Community Center
- November 13 Quarter Auction 6:30 p.m. Community Center
- November 18 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library
- November 20 Book Club 7:00 p.m. at the Library — Any
Mitch Albom Book
- November 24 Village Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- November 25 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library
- November 27 Thanksgiving — Village Office & Library Closed
- November 28 Thanksgiving Holiday — Village Office &
Library Closed



December

- December 1 Foundation Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- December 2 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library
- December 2 Senior Lunch Noon at WUMC
- December 2 Library Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- December 6 Santa Claus is Coming to Town—10:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m., Community Center
- December 6 Boxcar Museum Open House 10:00 a.m. -
2:00 p.m.
- December 8 Village Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- December 9 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library
- December 9 BINGO 7:00 p.m. Community Center
- December 11 Quarter Auction 6:30 p.m. Community Center
- December 13 Jr. High Dance—7:00—10:00 p.m. at
Community Center
- December 14 4H Meeting at Community Center
- December 16 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library
- December 22 Village Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- December 23 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library
- December 24 Village Office & Library Closed
- December 25 Village Office & Library Closed
- December 30 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library

- January 1 Happy New Year!
Village Office & Library Closed

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

The regular semi-monthly meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Monday of each month and will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. The public is always encouraged to attend. Special board meetings and committee meetings are scheduled as needed. Dates and agendas for all meetings are posted on the board near the door of the Village Hall and may also be reviewed on the Village website.

Approved Minutes and Agendas

may be viewed at the Village Office or the website at

www.williamsville.illinois.gov

Village of Williamsville

141 W. Main St.

217.566.3806

Office Hours

7:30-11:30 am

12:30 -3:30 pm

Monday-Friday

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2175663311

Police Non-
Emergency
2175663634

Water Emergency
217306-5803

Library
2175663520

Post Office
2175663651

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Trustee
Valerie Patterson
217.414.0197

Streets, Alleys,
Sidewalks &
Storm Sewers
Trustee Mark Esker
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Water & Sewer
Trustee
Matt Bunger
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Public Safety
Trustee
John Brennan
217.652.5511

Parks & Recreation
Trustee
Dave Carter
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Finance
Trustee
Skylar Tierney
217.638.2402

Village Clerk
Karen Humphres
217.566.3806

Treasurer
Heidi Dowell
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Boo! On the Boulevard

VILLAGE OF WILLIAMSVILLE

141 W. MAIN STREET

WILLIAMSVILLE, IL 62693

BULK RATE

U S POSTAGE PAID

WILLIAMSVILLE, IL

PERMIT NO. 8

Current Williamsville Resident

Williamsville, Illinois 62693

Saturday, October 25